

PTA

The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

COUNCIL
 Welcoming the Executive Board to a new year full of PTA activities and reviewing past activities, will be Mrs. H. S. Rogers, president of Torrance Council of PTA. The board will meet Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Torrance Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m. by the hospitality committee.

CASIMIR
 Executive board of Casimir PTA will meet in the cafeteria on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. Casimir will hold a Paper Drive on Thursday, Jan. 16 between 4 and 7 p.m. On Dec. 28 board members and their husbands enjoyed a delicious dinner, followed by dancing and games, at the King's X Restaurant in Los Angeles.

HILLSIDE
 On Jan. 16, the Hillside PTA commences the new year with

a meeting titled, "Educational Thoughts," and at this time the nominating committee will be elected to obtain new officers for 1969-70.

Chairmen of the committee will be Mrs. W. Harmon, parent education; and Mrs. W. Boldt, courtesy.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY
 Mrs. R. K. Marquard, safety chairman of Torrance Elementary PTA, has announced plans are completed for the bicycle licensing to be held at the school on Jan. 22. Information and material will be sent home before the licensing date.

TORRANCE HIGH
 Wednesday, Jan. 8, Torrance High PTA will hold the first meeting of the new year. Special guests will be the AFS students, Amata Navamaret from Thailand and Barbara Moffitt who traveled to the Philippines last summer. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Girl's gym.



Life in Thailand and in the Philippines will be described for members of the Torrance High PTA Wednesday evening Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Girl's Gym at the school. Talking over their speeches with Mrs. James McDonald, president of Torrance High PTA center, are left, Barbara Moffitt, who spent last summer in the Philippines under the Americans Abroad program, and Amata Navamaret of Thailand who is attending Torrance High under the American Field Service program.

Yegsigian-Garner Vows Hawaiian Dance Class Opens Jan. 8

Episcopal Church of Holy Faith in Inglewood was the scene of a double ring candlelight marriage ceremony on Nov. 23 uniting Miss Gini Yegsigian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Yegsigian of Lawndale, and Guy Garner of Torrance. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Arnold.

Rev. Aris Shirvanian of St. James Armenian Church officiated at the marriage for which the bride wore an A line peau de soie gown trimmed with Chantilly lace sprinkled with seed pearls. Jewels and pearls also enhanced the long train on the gown.

A tear-drop pearl and jewel tiara held the silk illusion bridal veil and she carried a cascade of white roses. She also wore a gold cross, gift of the Catholics, Vasken I, head of the Armenian Church.

Wearing cranberry velvet jumpers with pink nylon blouses, attendants were Misses Marsha May, maid of honor; Barbara Yegsigian, Margo Yegsigian, Candy Kellejian, Janet Yegsigian and Mary Yegsigian, bridesmaids. Flower girls were Lana Yegsigian and Allison Gansemer.

Best man duties were performed by Russ Liddell and ushers were Alex Areyan, Steve Arnaudhoff, Mark Yegsigian and Dale Nelms.

After the wedding, the 225 guests were served an Armenian dinner. During the evening there was Armenian music and entertainment.

After a Las Vegas honeymoon, the couple is now at home in Torrance.

The bride, a Leuzinger High graduate, received her AA degree from El Camino where she was class secretary and Tri Phi president. She attended Fresno State, majoring in social welfare, and is employed in the advertising department of TRW Systems in Redondo.

Her husband graduated from Redondo High and New Mexico State University. He is employed as an artist by Aerospace.

Lomita Recreation Center, 24428 Eshelman Avenue, announces that women of all ages may learn the graceful gestures of the hula from Mrs. Nicholas (Betty Jo) Zankie, who will instruct the Hawaiian Dance Class which will begin Jan. 8. The one-hour class, which will be held each Wednesday morning at 10:45 a.m., will be offered for eight weeks. Registration may be made in advance at the Recreation Center, or at the first class.

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I wish I could become more optimistic about computers now that one of the experts in the field, Professor Anthony Oettinger of Harvard, came out with the reassuring statement which established more or less that we have "nothing to fear but fear itself" about computers; thus, regarding them as monsters is unjustified.

But that's pretty much the same story I get when I call a department store, for one, about a bill I've already paid. "Don't worry," I will be told in the most comforting of tones, "The computer hasn't caught up with your check, so just don't worry about it darling."

How can you when the next month—and the month after—you get the same bill, only this time, instead of the plaintive, "Please!" you read, "Failure to comply within five days will affect your credit rating."

As yet, we haven't been hauled off to Debtors' Prison for failure to take a computer seriously, but, frankly, I'm getting worried — Harvard professor or no Harvard professor. He doesn't have the tax people after him. Or their nasty computer. And it has to be a computer because all I receive in answer to numerous letters is, in effect, "Thank you for your recent communication, but where's the money?"

"Don't give up the slip!" the professor should caution, because in this house the one item which will turn up missing is the canceled check showing we paid our taxes.

It's obvious computers don't know how to read, any more than Johnny, because after five letters and as many forms filled out, the latest communique from the tax people has been to my husband's employer, inquiring about the whereabouts of a "W. L. Daley and A. H. Daley" — a veritable Bonnie and Clyde as far as the State is concerned.

Actually, its ridiculous trying to correspond with a computer in an ordinary way. Because how, for example, do you go about answering a turn down we had on a medical claim on Sharon who ran through a glass door at our friends'. According to the letter, we could receive no remuneration because "although your contract does provide benefits for accidental injury, the treatment in this case was for a medical illness and NOT for an accidental injury."

Or should you master a code and punch out dots on a cardboard to convey a message? Or better yet, why not a national campaign to fold, spindle and mutilate all computerized mail?



Volunteer of Month
 Mrs. Charles Bradley of Torrance receives congratulations and "Volunteer of the Month" award from Warren C. McDermid, board member of Volunteer Bureau, South Bay-Harbor. Mrs. Bradley is volunteer coordinator for JACS (Joint Action in Community Service). Since June, she has aided in the recruitment and training of local citizens interested in relocation of Job Corps trainees in the community.

PTA Will Hear Students

Bethel 36 Job's Daughters Stages 85th Installation

"How Great Thou Art" was the theme chosen by Miss Barbara Durian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Durian of Torrance, for her installation as the newly-elected Honored Queen of Bethel 36, International Order of Job's Daughters, in the 85th installation of the Bethel.

The ceremony was held Saturday at the Gardena Masonic Temple. Miss Patty Cunerty, retiring honoree queen, served as installing honoree queen for the evening.

Other installing officers were Joanne Johnston, guide; Kathy Hallian, marshal; Gayle Cuendet, recorder; Kallie Stratos, chaplain; Betsy O'Dell, senior custodian, and Elaine Platz, junior custodian, all past honoree queens of Bethel 36, and Nancy Davis, member of the Bethel.

"The Angels Are Lighting God's Candles" was sung by soloist, Robert Krieh, as the candlelighting ceremony was conducted by Sue Cunningham, Bethel 61, and Carol Combs, Bethel 36.

Mrs. Judith Rickabaugh, Bethel guardian, Robert C. Collins, associate guardian, and Glen Younkin, Master Mason, Chino Valley, Lodge 330, past associate guardian Bethel 191, Chino and past Associate Grand Guardian, State of California, were introduced.

The ceremony began with the choir and officers entering through a lavender and blue arch. Miss Durian carried a blue and lavender bouquet. Her song, "How Great Thou Art" was sung as she walked around her officers.

Mr. Younkin gave the welcome address followed by the escort of the Holy Bible and the American flag. Miss Cunerty presented the new queen with her cape and crown, as

well as her honored queen's pin and best wishes. Miss Cunerty, in turn, was given her past honoree queen's jewel, and the senior and junior princesses received their pins. The new honoree queen received a gavel and sounding block from her parents.

Elected officers installed were Gail Benedict and Debbie Schaeffer, guards; Toni Lindsey and Michele Martineau, custodians; Diane Durian, recorder; Gwen Smith, musician; Joan Pinkston, librarian, Sharon Putman, chaplain; Cheryl Cleveland, treasurer; Pam Maddaford, Lois Deering, Nancy Putman, Miss Roberts and Kay Biehler, messengers.

Also participating in the installation were Nancy Stephenson, past honoree queen of Bethel 36, reader; Linda Durian and Pam Jackson, guest book attendants; Jim Brunsman, Tyson Reyes and Dan Richmond, ushers; Mrs. Jerry Combs, reception chairman and Mrs. Bertie Benedict, decorations. A reception followed in the dining room, where Miss Durian was presented her mascot, a large lavender frog. Cake and punch were served, and dancing to the "Distant Sounds" completed the evening.

Painting Topic For Beta Gams

Preceptor Beta Gamma chapter, of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, will meet Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Virginia Grummett.

Preceding the business meeting, Mrs. Martin Searle will present the cultural program on "Painting." Mrs. Searle is also the refreshment hostess for the evening.

Members attending from this area are Mrs. Charles Lockwood, Miss Ruth Phelps and Mrs. Edward Porter.

Lomita OES Meets Tonight

Lomita Chapter 591 Order of the Eastern Star, will conduct a stated meeting this evening Jan. 3 at the Masonic Temple, 23725 Bland Pl., in Lomita.

Worthy Matron Mrs. Jack Pollock and Worthy Matron Robert Rudge will preside in the East.

Chairman of the evening will be Mrs. Richard Chowon. With the help of her committee there will be refreshments served in the dining room following the meeting.

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Choral Music Feature For Alumnae Meet

A program of choral music, directed by Marshall Bialosky, will be presented at the Jan. 13 meeting of the Palos Verdes Alumnae Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon.

Mrs. George Kalstrom, 4137 Via Solano, Palos Verdes will be hostess for the meeting. She will be assisted by Miss Thyra Snyder and Mrs. Carl La Marca.